

TWO DA'S PROBE FIGURES APPEAR

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Grand Jury Takes Look
at Alleged Plot

Two witnesses subpoenaed to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in connection with District Attorney Jim Garrison's presidential murder probe underwent questioning and departed the Criminal Courts Building by 3:45 p. m.

Appearing before the Grand Jury were Dean L. Andrews Jr., an assistant Jefferson Parish district attorney who was previously subpoenaed and was questioned by Garrison's aides, and Mrs. Josephine Hug, 4500 Elysian Fields, a tall brunette who formerly worked for Clay L. Shaw, retired managing director of International Trade Mart.

Shaw, 54, of 1313 Dauphine, was arrested by Garrison March 1 on an accusation of participating in a conspiracy here to assassinate President John F. Kennedy. A hearing for Shaw is set for Tuesday before Criminal Court Judge Bernard J. Bagert.

Judge Bagert Thursday afternoon announced that Criminal District Court Judges Malcolm V. O'Hara and Matthew S. Braniff will preside with him during the hearing. He also issued a set of guidelines for members of the press to follow before, during and after the hearing.

WITH ATTORNEY

Andrews, who told newsmen he believes in the innocence of Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as President Kennedy's assassin, arrived Thursday with his attorney, Sam Monk Zelden, while Grand Jury members were still at lunch. The jury considered routine cases during the morning.

Andrews testified before the Warren Commission that a man who identified himself as Clay Bertrand called him the day following Kennedy's murder and asked him to defend Oswald. Garrison accused Shaw of using the alias Clay Bertrand, and Shaw emphatically denied having used that alias or any other alias.

Mrs. Hug, whose subpoena

was served Thursday morning, entered the jury room at 3:10 p. m. with her attorney, James Gelpi, and left the building at 3:45 p. m. . . .

Gelpi told newsmen only that Mrs. Hug worked in Shaw's office at the ITM and that she was testifying in cooperation with the DA's office. In further cooperation, Gelpi added, he could not discuss his client's testimony.

Following Mrs. Hug's testimony, jury members reported to Judge Bagert on routine matters, but made no mention of the assassination investigation.

Assistant DA James L. Al-
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cock, asked if he felt any indictments in the case will occur before Tuesday's preliminary hearing, replied that is "almost 100 per cent sure that there will not be."

Garrison, whose investigation into the 1963 assassination began last November, has maintained silence on the probe recently; and, in fact, his whereabouts during the past week have been in question. At various times, he has been reported in Miami, Fla., Phoenix, Ariz., and at a New Orleans hideout.

He has alleged that a "confidential informant" told him of a meeting between Shaw, Oswald and David W. Ferrie, an instructor pilot who died here Feb. 22, and several other persons. Garrison said the meeting, allegedly in Ferrie's apartment, was to lay a plot to kill Kennedy.

Shaw, free under \$10,000 bond which was posted the night of his arrest, has denied all accusations.

Judge Bagert gave a preview of Tuesday's hearing when he said earlier this week that it was his opinion that "the identity of the confidential informant will have to be disclosed at the hearing."

Wednesday, attorneys for Shaw lost an attempt to have the case dismissed. It was at that time that Judge Bagert said Garrison may have to produce the "confidential informant." William Gurvich, a

Garrison staff aide, said the informant will be available Tuesday should one of the panel of judges call for his testimony.

In Dallas Thursday, Raymond Cummings, a former taxicab driver, stated that he told Garrison of driving Oswald and Ferrie to Jack Ruby's Dallas night club early in 1963. Ruby killed Oswald in the basement of the Dallas jail two days after the President was murdered.

Since that time Ruby has died of cancer, and Ferrie, who worked as a flight instructor at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, died in his apartment. An autopsy showed that Ferrie's death was natural, said Dr. Nicholas Chetta, Orleans Parish coroner.

The day after Ferrie's death, Garrison termed him "one of history's most important individuals" and announced that he had planned to arrest him the following week in connection with the alleged conspiracy against Kennedy's life.